

# Tale Feathers

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## St. Louis Audubon Annual Meeting

*Stephen Mahfood, DNR Director, to Speak at Annual Meeting on April 16*

Hurry before it's too late! Register now for St. Louis Audubon Society's Annual Meeting at the Creve Coeur Government Center on Friday, April 16, 2004. Registrations must be received by Friday, April 9th. Our speaker this year will be Stephen Mahfood, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Mahfood will discuss the current status and future plans for natural areas in Missouri and the many opportunities for organizations like Audubon to get involved.

6:00 p.m.-Hendri's will serve a dinner buffet, including drinks and dessert.  
7:00 p.m.-we will have a short business meeting, including presentation of awards and the election of the Board.

8:00 p.m.-Director Mahfood's presentation

The evening is open to all, but only current SLAS members will be allowed to vote in the Board election. The cost is just \$18 per person. **Reservations are required-please use the form on page 3.**

The Government Center can be reached easily from I-270 and Ladue. Go east on Ladue, left at the light at

New Ballas and go five mile north to the Creve Coeur Government Center on your right at 300 N. New Ballas. The Community Center can be reached through the door in the northwest corner of the basement.



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## Book Club

Whether or not you saw Pale Male, did you know that before the movie, there was a book? Would you be interested in reading it with a group? It's called "Red-Tails in Love", by Marie Winn.

If you are interested and think you might enjoy an occasional book discussion group, whose members read books about birds or other natural history topics, please let us know.

At a recent chapter board meeting, an idea of forming a bird book reading club was bandied about. Some board members are interested.

Meetings could be monthly, bimonthly, or to be determined. Suggested books picked by vote, beginning with "Red-Tails In Love."

If any member is interested, please contact Dency @ 314-997-4555 or [dency@vierck.us](mailto:dency@vierck.us).

## Spring Weekend Trip to Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

We are pleased to announce a spring weekend trip to Mingo National Wildlife Refuge from Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25. For those of you who have never been there, the official Mingo Motto is "It's a Swamp Thang". Due to Mingo's far southern Missouri location and diverse habitat, 247 species of birds have been recorded there plus numerous accidentals. We can expect bird diversity at its height during this trip; we'll see lots of warblers and huge amounts of shorebirds. In addition to touring Mingo, we will visit the Otter Slough and Duck Creek areas as well. Our species count should top 75! The trip is being led by Mike Grant and many of our most experienced birder's are planning to attend.

The trip is limited to 25 people. We have pre-reserved 14 rooms at Miller's Motor Lodge, 573 222-8579 [www.millersmotorlodge.com](http://www.millersmotorlodge.com), in Wappapello near the Refuge for Friday and Saturday nights. There is limited additional lodging in the area. Check in anytime Friday; allow at least 3 hours for the drive from St. Louis. Those who have made it in time can meet for dinner across the street from Miller's at Jerry's Restaurant & Lounge at 7 pm for steaks, fish and more.



If you wish to come, please email or call the trip coordinators. Give us your name, address, email address, when you plan to arrive, and whether you wish to stay at Miller's and attend the dinner. If space is available, we'll confirm your spot and email you an information packet with directions, schedule and other tidbits of information to you. Call Lonnie or Pat at Miller's and transfer one of the reserved rooms into your name. See you at the Swamp! Trip Coordinators Mike & Leifann Brownstein, (314) 863-4525 [kestrel@lab.net](mailto:kestrel@lab.net).

## COMING SOON: "For the Birds!"

Want to know more about birds? On Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M., Shaw Nature Reserve will be hosting "For the Birds!" at its new Dana Brown Center. Here's your chance to learn what to plant to attract birds, which ones are finicky eaters, and among other things, how to make identification easier. Try your hand at assembling a bird house or feeder to take home, building a bird nest, plus other hands-on fun activities for kids and adults. See examples and get ideas for making bird baths, houses, and feeders from items you might have at home as well as traditional materials.

Check out the displays and listen to presentations by knowledgeable birders. Pick up free informational brochures and building plans. Take a check-list and go in search of birds on an enhanced birding trail; you're guaranteed to find some. Or, go on bird walks with knowledgeable guides. Bird books and bird related items will be available for purchase. There will be lots to see and do at this fun-filled event. Pre-registration is required. Lunch, beverages, and a bird house or feeder are included in the registration price. Call 636-451-3512 Ext. 6075 for prices and other information.

There is an optional adults only overnight program Friday evening the 16th, that includes a presentation, dinner, an optional owl prowl, an early Saturday morning birding excursion with knowledgeable guides, a continental breakfast, and all Saturday activities. Accommodations are dormitory style.

### The Natural Wonders and Wildlife of Brazil

*Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Powder Valley Nature Center.*

John Tomasovic will present an amazing slide show highlighting the wonderful diversity of birds and other wildlife in Brazil.

Open to all-members or not. Refreshments will be available.

From the intersection of Interstates 44 & 270, take Watson Rd. to Geyer Rd. Turn north on Geyer for 200 yds. to Cragwold Rd. Go west on Cragwold for 1 mi. to nature center entrance on right. Follow drive to parking lot. Enter building through left entrance.

Questions, call Mitch Leachman at 314-739-5112.

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### Annual Audubon Meeting Registration Form

Please mail this form or a copy with payment by check to:

Mitch Leachman, 2728 Lakeport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Make check payable to St. Louis Audubon Society.

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# Conservation Report

*Sue Gustafson, Vice President, Conservation*

**AUDUBON MISSOURI PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Conservation chairpersons from Audubon chapters across the state met in Columbia, MO on February 21 to review what the chapters were doing in the areas of conservation and public policy. In addition to St. Louis, chapters from Kansas City, Columbia, Jefferson City and Rolla were represented. We also reviewed the upcoming proposed legislative bills that will have environmental implications and determined the actions Audubon will take in supporting or opposing the various bills.

**STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS:** Audubon representatives from State Offices and chapters from 17 states convened on Capitol Hill on February 24-25 to urge members of Congress to support the highest funding levels possible for the State Wildlife Grants program. The program provides states with the resources they critically need for effective bird and other wildlife conservation and restoration efforts, including the Important Bird Area program. Roger Still, Audubon Missouri Executive Director, and Rick Thom, Missouri Department of Conservation, were in attendance and had productive meetings with some of Missouri's key legislators, including Senator Kit Bond.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS UPPER MISSISSIPPI & ILLINOIS RIVERS NAVIGATION STUDY:** There are two ways you can help the more than 326 bird species that make their home along the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. Recently, the Corps announced their preliminary draft plan for navigation improvements and environmental restoration on these two rivers. The plan covers the Mississippi River from Minneapolis, Minnesota downstream to Cairo, Illinois and all of the Illinois River from Chicago to its confluence with the Mississippi River near St. Louis. The plan is a result of a Congressionally mandated study that began in 1991 and must be completed by November of this year. The Corps' current version of the plan proposes a 50-year time frame that could include 10 new locks on the Mississippi River and 2 new locks on the Illinois River along with numerous other lesser improvements to improve navigation efficiency - at a potential total cost of about \$2.3 billion dollars. On the ecosystem side, the Corps is proposing, over the

next 50 years, to restore a portion of the river's ecosystem (that has been lost over the last 60-100 years) through changing how they manage water levels, by restoring backwaters, side channels and islands, and by building fish passages at selected locks. The Corps is recommending a 50-year \$5.3 billion ecosystem restoration framework, but would only ask for a 7-12 year authorization of about \$1 billion. Because the ecosystem restoration is so desperately needed, Audubon believes Congress should spend twice as much over the next 50 years --but we are not sure that all of the navigation system improvements are needed. Audubon supports the Corps' proposal to immediately implement small scale, non-structural measures to improve congestion at locks along the rivers, but Audubon does not support authorizing these new and expanded locks until the Corps can demonstrate that increased river traffic justifies their expense. The Corps should continue to improve its forecasting abilities and evaluate the costs and benefits of more expensive work over the next 2-5 years. And we need your help! Go to <http://www.capitol-connect.com/audubon/summary.asp?subject=287&flow=2> to learn more about what's at stake along this critical flyway and how you can help weigh-in with a study that will have a significant impact on the flyway. And go to [www.capitol-connect.com/audubon/summary.asp?subject=202&flow=2](http://www.capitol-connect.com/audubon/summary.asp?subject=202&flow=2) to learn more about what Congress can do to help the Upper Mississippi River. The Corps will host a public input meeting in St. Louis in June (we'll let you know of the date as soon as it's available) in which our members are encouraged to attend to speak up for ecosystem restoration on the Mississippi River. This is my last Conservation Report for the newsletter, as my three-year term as Vice President Conservation is expiring this month. However, I will remain active on the board in various other capacities. I am extremely impressed with the commitment to conservation at the local, state and national levels of the Audubon organization. I encourage all of our members to participate in and take advantage of opportunities to have their voices heard in promoting conservation of birds and the habitats they depend upon.

# Audubon Society of Missouri (ASM) Spring Meeting April 23-25, 2004

ASM invites the members of St. Louis Audubon to the ASM Spring Meeting based at the Ramada Inn in West Plains, Mo. The Missouri Ozarks Regional Explorers, host of the ASM Spring Meeting, have put together a wonderful selection of field trips along the Eleven Point River, Caney Mountain, Alley Spring, Noblett Lake, Tingler Prairie, Althea Spring, and Grand Gulf State Park. Volunteers from the U.S. Forest Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the National Parks Service, and others will act as guides on the field trips.

## Friday, April 23, 2004

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| 3:00PM | Registration at the Ramada Inn begins                         |
|        | Silent auction begins   |
| 6:00PM | Reception at the Missouri Department of Conservation facility |

## Saturday, April 24, 2004

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| 6:30AM  | Leave for field trips                    |
| 11:30AM | Return from morning half-day field trips |
| 1:00PM  | Leave for afternoon half-day field trips |
| 5:00PM  | Return from field trips                  |
| 6:00PM  | Banquet at the West Plains Civic Center  |
| 7:30PM  | Silent auction ends                      |

## Sunday, April 25, 2004

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| 6:30AM  | Leave for field trips                    |
| 11:30AM | Return from morning half-day field trips |
| 5:00PM  | Return from full day trip                |

For more information including descriptions of the field trips and a registration form, please visit the ASM website at [www.mobirds.org](http://www.mobirds.org) or contact Sue Gustafson at 314-968-8128.



## Bird Trip Schedule for April and May

*John Solodar*

**Note:** Everyone is welcome regardless of membership status or birding experience. There is no charge for these bird walks.

**April 3, Saturday** - Join Torrey Berger and Mike Thelen for a SLAS trip to Horseshoe Lake starting at 8:00AM

**April 17, Saturday** - SLAS trip at Castlewood State Park led by Mike Brady. Mike knows the birds in Castlewood better than anyone and the migrants will be coming through in force by now. Starts at 8:00 AM

**April 18, Sunday** - WGNSS trip to Lost Valley Trail led by Dale and Nancy Delaney starting at 8:00 AM

**April 23-25, Friday through Sunday** - Mingo National Wildlife Refuge trip to Southeastern Missouri sponsored by SLAS. This is a special trip to Mingo NWR, Duck Creek and Otter Slough. Attendance is limited. To sign up call Mike or Leifann Brownstein at 314 863-4525 or email [kestrel@lab.net](mailto:kestrel@lab.net). See the article in this issue of Talefeathers for details.

**April 25, Sunday** - Rad Widmar will lead a WGNSS trip at Busch Conservation Area. Meet at the H.Q. building at 8:00 AM

**May 1, Saturday** - Migration will be in full swing for this SLAS trip to Shaw Nature Reserve and Robertsville State Park led by Jim Malone and Mike Thelen. Plan to bring a lunch and water as this trip will probably go into the afternoon. We should see many warblers. Arrive at Shaw by 7:30 AM to be with us from the start.

**May 2, Sunday** - Kent Lannert leads this WGNSS trip to Tower Grove Park starting at 8:00 AM at the Gaddy Bird Garden.

**May 8, Saturday** - May 8 is typically the peak day of the migration season. This SLAS walk is in Tower Grove Park which has been a marvelous migrant trap over the years. Meet us at the Gaddy Bird Garden at 7:30 AM. It will be led by John Solodar and Torrey Berger.

**May 9, Sunday** - A WGNSS trip to Kennedy Forest in Forest Park. Randy Korotev will lead this trip from the trailhead off Wells Drive starting at 8:00 AM

**May 15, Saturday** - We continue our SLAS migration season walks, but this time at Forest Park which is another excellent migrant trap. Meet Mike Thelen and Paul Bauer at 7:30 for this trip which starts behind the Art Museum.

**May 16, Sunday** - WGNSS returns to Tower Grove Park this time led by Sherry McCowan at 7:30 AM

**May 22, Saturday** - We conclude our SLAS migrant season field trips with a trip to Columbia Bottom, the MDC area near the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers which opened last year. Mike Arduser has done a lot of work at Columbia Bottoms and knows the area well. He and John Solodar will lead this trip starting at 7:30 AM

**May 23, Sunday** - A WGNSS field trip led by Sue Gustafson and David Rabenau from the Wildwood trailhead on Al Foster Trail along the Meramec River. Meet at 8:00 AM

### How to get there.

**Busch Conservation Area** - Take U.S.40/I-64 west into St. Charles County. Take Hwy 94 south from U.S. 40 about 1 mile to Hwy D. Turn right and go about 1.5 miles to the entrance on the right. Turn left at the "T" to Hampton Lake and meet in the parking lot. For trips using a H.Q. starting point turn right at the "T".

**Castlewood State Park** - Take Big Bend west from I-270 for about 6 miles. Turn left on Ries Road. Follow Ries to its termination, then turn left into the Park. Park in lot on right just before the first small stream.

**Columbia Bottom** - Take Riverview Blvd north from the northern leg of I-270 and go 2.8 miles to Columbia Bottom entrance on the right. Go 1.7 miles, past the Visitor's Center, and meet at the River Access Parking lot.

**Forest Park** - Take Hampton Ave north from I-64 (Hwy 40 to locals) in St. Louis City. For Art Museum starts follow the signs to the Art Museum then park on the street behind the Art Museum. Meet at the edge of the woods. For Wells Drive start turn left onto Wells Drive at the first traffic light after Hampton crosses over I-64/Hwy 40. Follow Wells past the Zoo and look for the MDC trailhead signs on the right.

**Gaddy Bird Garden in Tower Grove Park** - I-44 or I-64 to south Kingshighway. Go about 1 mile to left on Magnolia. Park on street; walk to the brushy area (Gaddy Bird Garden) at the northwest corner of the park.

**Horseshoe Lake** - Take I-70 east across the Poplar Street Bridge. Exit at Hwy 111 (exit 6) and turn left. Go about 2 miles to the State Park entrance (on the left). Meet at 1st parking lot on the right.

**Lost Valley Trail** - From the intersection of Hwy 40 and Hwy 94 just over the Missouri River in St. Charles County, take Hwy 94 south (the signs say west but you are going south) 5.7 miles to the Lost Valley Trailhead on the right.

**Shaw Nature Reserve** - I-44 west from I-270 to Gray Summit (Hwy 100). Cross over I-44 on Hwy 100. Follow Hwy 100 one block to entrance. (Entrance fee \$3.00 per person.)

**Wildwood Trailhead of Al Foster Trail** - From I-44 go north on hwy 109 to Old State Rd. Go right on Old State Rd then take a quick first right on Washington Ave. Washington turns into Grand. Follow it to the parking lot on the left. Or from Manchester take Old State Rd south until it almost intersects with Hwy 109 and go left on Washington.



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#### **Attention!**

The deadline for the May issue is **April 10**. Send inquiries to Anne by E-mail [ambolte@swbell.net](mailto:ambolte@swbell.net) phone 314.832.0938 post 6939 Sharp St. Louis, MO 63116

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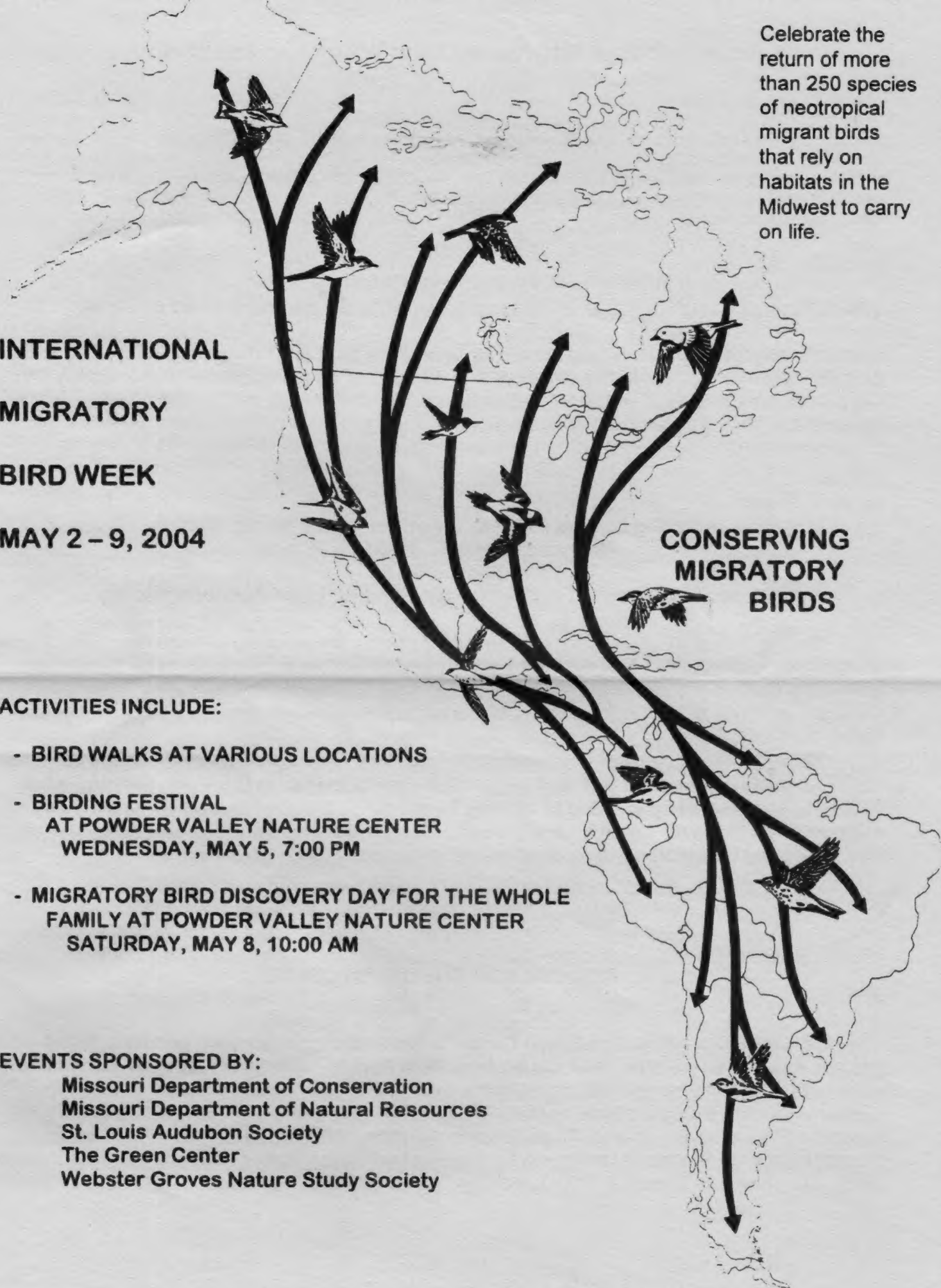
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- BIRDING FESTIVAL  
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- MIGRATORY BIRD DISCOVERY DAY FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY AT POWDER VALLEY NATURE CENTER  
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 10:00 AM

**EVENTS SPONSORED BY:**

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# **International Migratory Bird Week Celebration**

## **May 2 – 9, 2004**

The following is a listing of the special events that are happening around the St. Louis area in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Week. Some of the programs require reservations. All programs are free of charge. Bring binoculars to bird walks, wear comfortable walking shoes, and dress for spring weather conditions. Walks are geared at all experience levels, and beginning birders are especially encouraged to attend.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 2**

#### **BIRDING IN TOWER GROVE PARK**

**8:00 A.M.**

**WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY**

Tower Grove Park is historically known as one of the best migratory stop-over sites in the St. Louis area and offers views of numerous species of warblers. Meet at the Gaddy Bird Garden at the northwest corner of the park. Call Kent Lannert at 618-624-4464 for more information. All ages and beginners welcome.

#### **Special Event:**

**A Spring Birding Festival at Powder Valley Nature Center**

**Wednesday, May 5 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Sponsored by**

**Missouri Department of Conservation and St. Louis Audubon Society**

Spring has arrived and more migrant songbirds are pouring in each day. The stunning beauty of these tiny migrants can be breathtaking and has made birdwatching one of the fastest growing outdoor activities in America today. Join us for this special program which is the ninth joint effort of the St. Louis Audubon Society and the Powder Valley Nature Center.

We will share a superb video providing extreme closeup views and sounds of many beautiful birds. Numerous tips and suggestions are provided in the video defining what details to observe when starting to identify birds. Also, the best locations to find these migrant birds in the St. Louis area will be discussed. Several handouts will be available, and upcoming bird walks will be announced. No reservations are required.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 6**

#### **BIRD WALK AT THE GREEN CENTER**

**8:30 A.M.**

**THE GREEN CENTER**

The bird walk will explore The Green Center's learning/demonstration gardens, a half-acre prairie, a restored wetland, and the 26-acre Ruth Park Woods which attracts a significant variety of migratory songbirds. Meet in front of The Green Center's 1932-era home in University City's Kaufman Park at 8025 Blackberry Avenue 63130. Park in front of Kaufman Park's tennis courts. To register or for more information contact The Green Center by mail at the above address, by e-mail at [info@thegreencenter.org](mailto:info@thegreencenter.org), or call Dianne Benjamin, Program Director, 314-725-8314. Ages 10 and older recommended.

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

**BIRD WALK AT CASTLEWOOD STATE PARK**

**8:00 A.M.**

**MO DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Come explore the meadows and bottomland forest along the Meramec River and Keifer Creek. Our area's most urban state park provides excellent riparian habitat for migrating warblers, breeding habitat for songbird species of conservation concern, and year-round habitat for waterbirds. Meet in the parking lot next to the visitor center. For more information, contact Mike Brady at 636-391-7631.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**MIGRATORY BIRD DISCOVERY DAY**

**POWDER VALLEY NATURE CENTER**

**ST. LOUIS AUDUBON**

**10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

Do you want to know more about wild birds, birding, and bird awareness? Family activities and demonstrations will feature how to identify birds, a bird walk on one of the trails, and a take-home bird feeding "station" project (it's not the traditional bird feeder!) No reservations required; the morning program will begin at 10:00 am and the same program will be repeated again starting again at 12:30 pm. Drop in at anytime. For more details, call Sharon Nickl at 636-391-8751.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT**

**VARIOUS STARTING TIMES**

Every year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of May, Partners in Flight sponsors the North American Migration Count. The goal is to monitor neotropical migrant birds over the long term to look for trends in population, range, and migratory patterns. The Count is very similar to the Christmas Bird Count. Our goal is to cover as many locations in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County as possible. For more information or to take part in one of the counts, contact St. Louis City Compiler, Yvonne Homeyer – 314-963-7750, St. Louis County Compiler, Zoe Geist – 636-467-5030, or St. Charles County Compiler, Paul Bauer – 314-921-3972.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**BIRDING AT TOWER GROVE PARK**

**7:30 A.M.**

**ST. LOUIS AUDUBON**

We'll once again visit one of the best migrant "traps" in our area for viewing colorful warblers and other migrant songbirds. Meet at the Gaddy Bird Garden in the northwest corner of the park. Contact John Solodar at 314-862-5294 for more information.

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**

**BIRDING AT KENNEDY WOODS**

**8:00 A.M.**

**WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY**

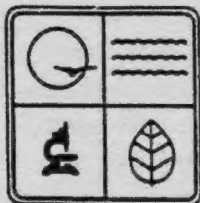
Kennedy Woods in Forest Park is one of the best places in the area to observe warblers and other spring migrants. Trails provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation make this area more accessible to groups. Meet at the trailhead off of Wells Drive west of the south zoo entrance. Contact Randy Korotev at 314-993-0055 for more information. All ages welcome.



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